

A hard fought dual ends in loss for Norton

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The Norton Community High School and Colby High School wrestling teams, two of the top ranked teams in the state of Kansas, met in a dual Thursday in Wilmeth Kirk Memorial Gym in Norton and the Eagles came out on top 42-31.

Colby is ranked No.1 in the state in Class 4A and Norton is ranked No.2 in Class 3-2-1A.

It was a hard fought dual that was not decided until the final matches.

Norton won six matches and Colby won eight but one match especially could have gone either way. That was at 145 where Gavin Lively was dominating Kyle Finley by a 13-5 score and the official said Lively was pinned on what appeared to be an out-of-bounds move.

"I was really proud of the

way we came out and competed hard," said Norton head coach Bill Johnson. "The 145 pound match was pivotal but you can't put the team loss on one match.

"We were missing three varsity wrestlers but we went at them nose to nose. We have good backups and that really helps us.

"We're getting better and that's very important."

In recognition of his major decision win at 138 pounds, Jared Tallent was chosen by Norton coaches as the "Norton Wrestler of the Week".

Individual matches

106 - Skylar Johnson was pinned in 1:32 by David Mainus.

113 - Ethan Ross won a sudden 4-2 decision over Alex Young.

120 - Branson Addington was pinned by Taylor O'leary in

1:43.

126 - Alec Hager lost a 1-0 decision to Dustin Reed.

132 - John Risewick pinned Brady Holzmeister in 1:41.

138 - Jared Tallent won a 13-5 major decision over Shull Macen.

145 - Gavin Lively was pinned in 5:09 by Kyle Finley.

152 - Jared Bohl pinned Brandon Gaede in 1:52.

160 - Kendall Miller pinned Connor Edmundson in 3:09.

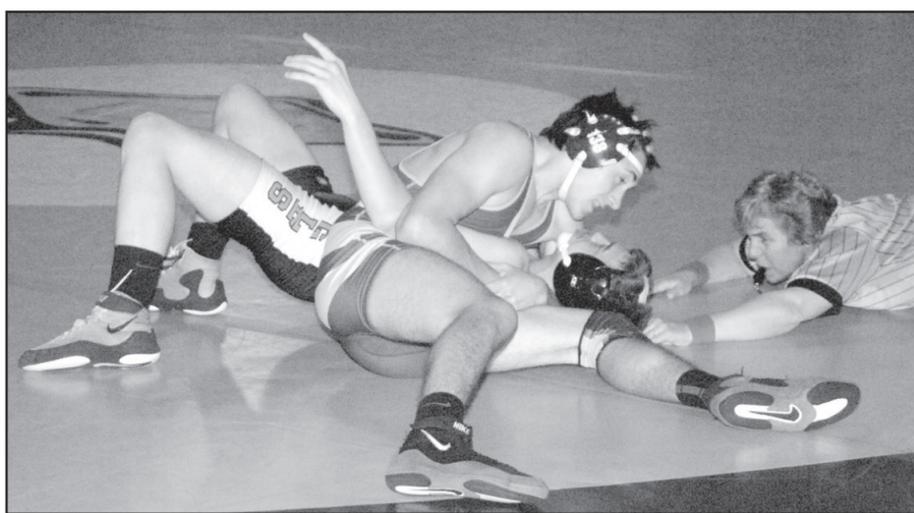
170 - Cole Renner was pinned in 2:16 by Andrew Taylor.

182 - Kolton Harting lost a 2-0 decision to Beau Brown.

195 - Chandler Summer was pinned in :43 by Troy Quenzer.

220 - Lucas Engel pinned Austin Hart in 2:42.

285 - Michael Johnson was pinned in 1:12 by Zell Bieberle.



Norton's 160 pound wrestler Kendall Miller put Colby's Connor Edmundson down for the count in 3:09 of their match during the exciting dual with the Eagles on Thursday evening in Wilmeth Kirk Memorial Gym in Norton - Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Norton avenges previous loss and defeats WaKeeney

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The No.6 seeded Norton Community High School boys basketball team avenged a loss in WaKeeney in regular season play on Friday, Jan. 11 with a 45-38 overtime win over the No.7 seeded Golden Eagles in Mid-Continent League Tournament consolation play on Thursday evening in Plainville.

In the first encounter, Norton fell far behind in the first quarter and, despite playing Trego even the rest of the way, could never catch up. This time around, the game was close from the start, regulation ended in a tie and the Blue Jays prevailed in the extra period.

"We struggled all night on the offensive end but we got some big free throws and a couple of big baskets in overtime to get the win," said coach Doug Reu-

sink.

"I felt our defense gave a consistent effort most of the night and came up big late in the game."

Norton led 12-10 after one quarter which saw Andrew Ellis hit a three-point basket and free throw, Drew Schrum drain a trey, Tanner Furbush hit a basket and two charities and Jacob Brooks hit one free toss.

Norton was outscored 11-7 in the second period to trail slightly 21-19 at halftime. The Blue Jays' points in the quarter came on another three-point basket by Ellis and two-pointers by Carson McKenna and Lane Bigge.

Norton outscored Trego 12-7 in the third quarter to take a 31-28 lead into the fourth period. Norton's third quarter points were well distributed with John Renner, Schrum, Ellis, Dalton Miller, Furbush and McKenna

each hitting one basket.

The hard-fought fourth period ended in a 34-all tie. Norton's only points came on a basket and free throw by Miller. Trego also hit just one basket in the fourth quarter but hit four charities to tie the score.

Drew Schrum demonstrated the value of free throws in the overtime. He started the extra period by hitting two free throws and hit five more in a row until missing one. Schrum's 7 points were the difference as the Blue Jays' other four points came on baskets by Furbush and Brooks. Normally the Blue Jays' high scorer, Brooks' basket in overtime was his only one of the game.

Schrum had five points on a trey and a two point basket prior to the overtime and ended as Norton's leading scorer. He hit 1 of 5 from long range for 20

percent, 1 of 2 two-point shots for 50 percent and 2 of 7 overall for 29 percent but, most importantly, he was 7 of 8 from the free throw line for 88 percent accuracy.

Leading scorer for Trego was John Griffith with 19 points.

Although the Blue Jays were outshot from the field, they made up for it by outrebounding Trego, outshooting them from the charity stripe, blocking many more shots and stealing the ball many more times than Trego.

As a team, Norton hit 3 of 19 from beyond the arc for 16 percent, 12 of 38 two-point attempts for 32 percent and 15 of 57 overall for 26 percent. Trego scored on 3 of 10 from long range for 30 percent, 12 of 21 two-point tries for 57 percent and 15 of 31 overall for 48 percent.

Thanks to Schrum, Norton swished 12 of 17 free throws for 71 percent accuracy and Trego hit 5 of 8 for 63 percent.

The Blue Jays pulled down 11 offensive, 12 defensive rebounds for 23 total compared to 5 offensive, 13 defensive for 18 total by the Golden Eagles.

Furbush was leading rebounder for Norton with 6 boards, followed by Bigge, 4; Brooks, 3; Ellis, 3; Schrum, 2; Miller, 2; McKenna, 2; Conor Cox, 1.

Norton set a season high in blocks by rejecting 10 Trego shots. Brooks was the leader with 6 blocks, followed by Ellis, 2; Schrum, Miller, 1 each.

The very aggressive Norton defense also recorded 13 steals compared to just 2 by Trego! Brooks and Schrum each had 4 thefts, McKenna had 3 and Miller and Furbush, 1 each.

Brooks had 4 of Norton's 8

offensive assists, followed by Miller, 2; Ellis, 1; McKenna, 1.

Turnovers were almost even with Norton losing the ball 14 times and Trego losing it 12 times.

In the other consolation game on Thursday, No.4 seed Stockton defeated No.8 Hill City 43-38. That set up the Norton-Stockton game on Saturday for fifth place in the tournament.

Norton boys

Jacob Brooks 1 0 1-3 3; John Renner 1 0 0-0 2; Drew Schrum 1 1 7-8 12; Andrew Ellis 1 2 1-2 9; Dalton Miller 2 0 1-2 5; Tanner Furbush 3 0 2-2 8; Carson McKenna 2 0 0-0 4; Lane Bigge 1 0 0-0 2; Totals 12 3 12-19 45.

Trego boys

Cade Papas 3 0 0-0 6; John Griffith 4 3 2-2 19; Blake Huxman 3 0 2-2 8; Lincoln Brungart 1 0 0-0 2; Wes Reitcheck 1 0 1-4 3; Totals 12 3 5-8 38.

Lady Jays beaten by Smith Center in Mid-Continent play

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The No.4 seeded Norton Community High School girls basketball team led the unbeaten and No.1 seeded Smith Center five after three quarters in the championship semi-finals of the Mid-Continent League Tournament in Hays on Friday but the Lady Redmen rallied for a 41-36 win.

The score was tied 6-all after a first quarter that saw Tawni Griffey hit a two-point and three-point basket and a free throw for the Lady Jays.

The second quarter was also close with Norton outscoring Smith Center 10-9. Griffey hit another two and three-point basket, Bailey Ambrosier scored on

a basket and free throw and Kamilla Jones hit a two-pointer as Norton took a 16-15 lead into the locker room.

The Lady Jays came out confidently in the third quarter and outscored the Lady Redmen 14-10 to take a 30-25 advantage. Griffey buried two three-point shots and also hit two free throws while Darcy Bainter, Ambrosier and Alec Melvin each hit a basket as well.

Led by Sydney Benoit, Smith Center stepped up their game in the final period. Benoit hit the first three baskets in the quarter to give the Lady Redmen a 31-30 lead. Smith Center went on to score the first 12 points in the period for a 37-30 advantage. Griffey finally scored the first

basket for Norton in the quarter but Smith Center matched it at the other end.

In the closing minutes, Ambrosier hit two field goals to cut the Smith Center lead to 40-36 but time was running out and the Lady Redmen added one free throw to earn the five-point victory.

"We played good for three and one-half quarters but we couldn't hold on," said Norton head coach George Rossi.

"At the end of the first half, we were pretty confident but we lost it in the fourth quarter when Benoit took over.

"We had way too many turnovers in the game. How we handle this loss will make a difference in our next game."

Leading scorer for Norton was Tawni Griffey with 21 points. She hit 4 of 9 from beyond the arc for 44 percent, 3 of 7 two-point attempts for 43 percent and 7 of 16 overall for 44 percent and also hit 3 of 5 free throws for 60 percent.

Leading scorer for Smith Center was Benoit with 16 points, 12 of them coming in the second half.

As a team, Norton hit 4 of 11 from long range for 36 percent, 10 of 28 two-point tries for 36 percent and 14 of 39 overall, also for 36 percent.

The Lady Redmen hit just 1 of 7 from beyond the arc for 14 percent but took more two-point shots than Norton and hit the same percentage. Smith Center

was 17 of 47 from two-point land for 36 percent and 18 of 54 overall for 33 percent.

From the free throw line, the Lady Jays converted 4 of 9 for 44 percent while the Lady Redmen hit 4 of 8 for 50 percent.

Rebounds were fairly even. Norton pulled down 6 offensive and 24 defensive boards for 30 compared to Smith Center's 9 offensive and 20 defensive caroms for 29 total.

Leading rebounder for Norton was Katelyn Engelbert with 8, followed by Alec Melvin, 7; Bailey Ambrosier, 6; Tawni Griffey, 4; Kamilla Jones, 3; Johnnye Ruder, 2.

Norton had 5 offensive assists. Griffey had 2, followed by Engelbert, Bainter, Jones, 1

each. The Lady Jays had 6 steals but the Lady Redmen stole the ball 18 times. Jones led Norton in thefts with 2, followed by Bainter, Katie Bohl, Ambrosier, Melvin, 1 each.

Norton had 28 turnovers while Smith Center had 16 turnovers.

Norton girls

Tawni Griffey 3 4 3-5 21; Darcy Bainter 1 0 0-0 2; Bailey Ambrosier 4 0 1-4 9; Alec Melvin 1 0 0-0 2; Kamilla Jones 1 0 0-0 2; Totals 10 4 4-9 36.

Smith Center girls

Trenna Cox 3 0 1-2 7; Alexis Ryan 3 1 0-0 9; Briana Dietz 2 0 1-2 5; Sydney Benoit 7 0 2-3 16; Colbie Decker 2 0 0-0 4; Totals 17 1 4-7 41.

BOWLING

Inter-City League Standings as of Jan. 3

- Bailey Electric- 13 wins, 5 losses
 - Hawks Depot- 13 wins, 5 losses
 - Jett SS- 8 wins, 10 losses
 - Heartland Partners- 7 wins, 11 losses
 - BLD's- 7 wins, 11 losses
- High Line: Rusty Miller-213, Bill LaSalle-188, Aaron Daniels-183, Bev Miller-181, Jett SS-600.
- High Line Handicap: Rusty Miller-246, Aaron Daniels-242, Bill LaSalle-233, Merle Hawks-228, Jett SS-840.
- High Series: Aaron Daniels-504, Rusty Miller-502, Dave Keller-470, Bill LaSalle-461, Jett SS-1698.
- High Series Handicap: Aaron Daniels-681, Dave Keller-626, Merle Hawks-621, Abe Burk-620, Jett SS-2418.

Stardust League Standings as of Dec. 10

- The PC's- 3 wins, 1 loss

- FSBT 2- 3 wins, 1 loss
 - FSBT 1- 1 win, 3 losses
 - Team 1- 1 win, 3 losses
- High Line: Bev Miller-190, Janet Manning-182, Cindy Linner-181, The PC's-333, FSBT 1-323, FSBT 2-276.
- High Line Handicap: Janet Manning-231, Bev Miller-228, Cindy Linner-220, The PC's-417, FSBT 2-416, FSBT 1-410.
- High Series: Cindy Linner-518, Bev Miller-471, Janet Manning-422, The PC's-937, FSBT 1-893, FSBT 2-722.
- High Series Handicap: Cindy Linner-635, Terri Black-600, Bev Miller-585, The PC's-1189, FSBT 1-1154, FSBT 2-1142.

Stardust League Standings as of Jan. 7

- FSBT 2- 6 wins, 2 losses
 - The PC's- 5 wins, 3 losses
 - Team 1- 3 wins, 5 losses
 - FSBT 1- 2 wins, 6 losses
- High Line: Bev Miller-173, Janet Manning-172, Peggy Sevier-166, FSBT 1-345, The PC's-316, FSBT 2-256.
- High Line Handicap: Janet

- Manning-221, Peggy Sevier-212, Bev Miller-211, FSBT 1-432, The PC's-401, FSBT 2-391.
- High Series: Bev Miller-468, Peggy Sevier-439, Cindy Linner-411, FSBT 1-871, The PC's-850, FSBT 2-741.
- The Series Handicap: Bev Miller-582, Peggy Sevier-577, Terri Black-574, FSBT 2-1146, FSBT 1-1132, Team 1-1125.

Tuesday Housewife League Standings as of January 8

- Lenora Nutrition Center- 8 wins, 4 losses
 - BEB & Assoc.- 8 wins, 4 losses
 - Amateurs- 6 wins, 6 losses
 - Moffet's- 2 wins, 10 losses
- High Line: Cheri Brooks-178, Jacque Griffey-172, Kathleen Berlier-164, Lenora Nutrition Center-424.
- High Line Handicap: Kathleen Berlier-222, Jacque Griffey-217, Kathleen Berlier-215, Lenora Nutrition Center-596.
- High Series: Cheri Brooks-492, Jacque Griffey-471,

- Kathleen Berlier-453, Lenora Nutrition Center-1246.
- High Series Handicap: Kathleen Berlier-627, Jacque Griffey-606, Sharron Smith-596, Lenora Nutrition Center-1762.

Inter-City League Standings as of January 10

- Bailey Electric- 19 wins, 8 wins,
 - Hawks Depot- 18.5 wins, 8.5 wins
 - Heartland Partners- 13 wins, 14 losses
 - Jett SS- 11 wins, 16 losses
 - BLD's- 10 wins, 17 losses
- High Line: Chris Davis-189, Rusty Miller-185, Bill LaSalle, Dana Miller-BLD's-599.
- High Line Handicap: Chris Davis-240, Barb Burk-219, Abe Burk-219, Bill LaSalle-218, Rusty Miller-218.
- High Series: Bill LaSalle-500, Rusty Miller-475, Bev Miller-463, Chris Davis-444, Bailey Electric-1722.
- High Series Handicap: Abe Burk-646, Bill LaSalle-632,

- Aaron Daniels-606, Robert Burk-606, Hawks Depot-2334.

Tuesday Night Mens League Standings as of January 8

- Norton Chiropractic Center- 7 wins, 0 losses
 - BL & JE- 6 wins, 1 loss
 - RM & DC- 5 wins, 2 losses
 - AB & BB- 1 win, 6 losses
 - WF & BR- 0 wins, 7 losses
- High Line: Rusty Miller-217, Bill LaSalle-182, Barb Burk-156, RM & DC-345.
- High Line Handicap: Rusty Miller-239, Bill LaSalle-223, Craig Rogers-220, RM & DC-419.
- High Series: Rusty Miller-556, Bill LaSalle-491, Craig Rogers-419, RM & DC-940
- High Series Handicap: Rusty Miller-622, Craig Rogers-614, Bill LaSalle-614, Norton Chiropractic Center-1204.

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